

B1 2000, and given ATCC accession number PTA-2129.

Please amend the paragraph on page 7, lines 12-21, to read as follows.

B2 Accordingly, the invention features a biologically pure culture of the single-celled organism Spiky Rotating Cells (SPR). Preferably, the culture has the biological characteristics of the SPR sample, ATCC Deposit No. PTA-2129, received at the ATCC on June 18, 2000. The SPR organisms of the culture preferably exhibits the following biological characteristics (a) spherical shape, (b) motile in an imperfect rotating manner, (c) multiple spiky membrane projections, (d) highly refractile cell membrane when viewed, e.g., by Darkfield microscopy. Preferably, further characteristics are: (e) approximately 7-8 μm in diameter, (f) provisionally classified as a protozoan, (g) periodic colonial morphology, and (h) preferential proliferation in Diamond's Media.

Please amend the paragraph on page 11, lines 21-23 through page 12, line 1, to read as follows.

B3 I have found that several commercially available drugs are effective in treating infection with SPR. One such drug is itraconazole, sold under the trade name SPORANOX®, available from Jansen Pharmaceuticals. The patient ingests one 200 mg tablet per day for three-four weeks.

Please amend the paragraph on page 12, lines 2-4, to read as follows.